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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: F. Thomas Leighton  
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For: METHOD FOR GENERATING A NETWORK MAP

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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This amendment accompanies a request for continued examination. Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested for the reasons set forth herein.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend Claims 1, 5 and 7 as set forth below. A complete claim listing is included.